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(d) Possession of State Department press building pass does not confer access to or other privileges at other Federal buildings. It is not to be construed as official United States Government recognition, approval or accreditation of a correspondent.

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§ 9b.2 Press correspondents employed by United States media organizations.

In order to obtain a Department of State press building pass, press correspondents employed by United States media organizations must:

(a) Present to the Office of Press Relations, Department of State, a letter from his or her organization stating:

(1) That the applicant is a bona fide, full-time media correspondent based permanently and residing in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area;

(2) That the applicant is employed by the certifying organization;

(3) That the organization and the applicant have regular and substantial assignments in connection with the Department of State as evidence by regular attendance at the daily press briefings.

(b) Submit to the Office of Press Relations, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, a signed application and FORM DSP-97 for a press building pass. Applicants must comply with instructions contained in paragraphs 1 and 6 of FORM DSP-97 regarding fingerprinting and prior arrests. FORM DSP-97 requires the following information:

- (1) Name;
- (2) Affiliation with news media organizations;
- (3) Date of birth;
- (4) Place of birth;
- (5) Sex;
- (6) Citizenship;
- (7) Social Security or passport number;
- (8) Marital status;
- (9) Spouse name;
- (10) Office address and telephone number;
- (11) Length of employment;
- (12) Home address and telephone number; and

(13) Length of residence.

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§ 9b.3 Press correspondents employed by foreign media organizations.

In order to obtain a Department of State press building pass, correspondents employed by foreign media organizations must:

(a) Present to the Office of Press Relations, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520 a letter from his or her organization stating:

(1) That the applicant is a bona fide, full-time media correspondent based permanently and residing in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area;

(2) That the applicant is employed by the certifying organization;

(3) That the organization and the applicant have regular and substantial assignments in connection with the Department of State as evidence by regular attendance at the daily press briefings.

(b) A letter from the Washington, DC Embassy of the nation where the organization is headquartered or from the Embassy of the United States in the nation where the organization is headquartered attesting to the existence of the news organization and the applicant's employment by that organization. The Director of the Office of Press Relations may accept a letter from another source attesting to the existence of such news organizations and the applicant's employment if, in his or her judgment, a substitute letter is warranted.

(c) Submit to the Office of Press Relations, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520 a signed application and FORM DSP-97 for a press building pass. Applicants must comply with instructions contained in paragraphs 1 and 6 of FORM DSP-97 regarding fingerprinting and prior arrests. FORM DSP-97 requires the following information:

- (1) Name;
- (2) Affiliation with news media organizations;
- (3) Date of birth;
- (4) Place of birth;
- (5) Sex;
- (6) Citizenship;

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- (7) Social Security or passport number;
- (8) Marital status;
- (9) Spouse name;
- (10) Office address and telephone number;
- (11) Length of employment;
- (12) Home address and telephone number; and
- (13) Length of residence.

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§ 9b.4 Department of State building press pass for technical crews.

Department of State press building passes are issued to members of television and radio technical crews who provide technical support on a daily basis for media correspondents assigned to the Department of State. Members of technical crews who do not possess press passes, but who provide technical support for media correspondents assigned to the Department of State, may apply to the Office of Press Relations for a visitor's pass valid for one day.

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§ 9b.5 Temporary Department of State press building passes.

A media correspondent or technician who meets all the qualifications stated in §§ 9b.2(a)(1) and 9b.2(a)(2) or §§ 9b.3(a) and 9b.3(b), but does not have regular and substantial assignments in connection with the Department of State may make arrangements with the Office of Press Relations for the issuance of a visitor's pass valid for one day.

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§ 9b.6 Grounds for denial, revocation, or non-renewal of Department of State press building passes.

In consultation with the Bureau of Diplomatic Security and the Office of the Legal Adviser, the Director of the Office of Press Relations of the Department of State, may deny, revoke, or not renew the Department of State press building pass of any media correspondent or technician who:

- (a) Does not meet the qualifications stated in §§ 9b.2(a)(1), 9b.2(a)(2) and 9b.2(a)(3) or §§ 9b.3(a)(1), 9b.3(a)(2), 9b.3(a)(3) and 9b.3(b). (Upon denial, rev-

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ocation, or non-renewal the correspondent or technician may not re-apply for a period of one year unless there are material changes in meeting the qualifications.) or,

- (b) Poses a risk of harm to the personal safety of Department of State or other Governmental personnel or to Government property; or

- (c) Engages or engaged in conduct which there are reasonable grounds to believe might violate federal or state law or Department of State regulations.

- (d) Has been convicted of a felony (or a crime in a foreign country that would be considered a felony if it were committed in the United States).

- (e) Fails to claim an approved authorization form for a State Department press building pass after notification by the Office of Press Relations following a period of three (3) months.

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§ 9b.7 Procedures for denial, revocation, or non-renewal of Department of State press building passes.

- (a) If the Director of the Office of Press Relations, Department of State, anticipates, after consultation with the Office of the Legal Adviser, that in applying the standard set forth in § 9b.6 a Department of State press building pass might be denied, revoked or not renewed, the media correspondent or technician will be notified in writing by the Director of the basis for the proposed denial in as much detail as the security of any confidential source of information will permit. This notification will be sent by registered mail.

- (b) The notification of the proposed denial, revocation or non-renewal sent to the correspondent will also contain a statement advising the correspondent of his or her right to respond to the proposed denial and to rebut any factual basis supporting the proposed denial.

- (c) The correspondent shall be allowed thirty (30) days from the date of the mailing of the proposed denial, revocation or non-renewal notification to respond in writing. The response shall consist of any explanation or rebuttal deemed appropriate by the correspondent and will be signed by the